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In re Patent Application of:
Charles E. Loomis, et al.

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For: TESTING APPARATUS AND METHOD

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 30, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 30, 2002, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the last paragraph on page 3 with the following paragraph.

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FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional view of the testing apparatus in FIG. 1 taken along the line 2-2.

In the Claims

1. (Amended) An apparatus for testing equipment located in a local environment by presenting a detectable indicator gas therein, said apparatus comprising:
- a container portion;
 - a chemical substance stored in said container portion;

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